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Re: *United States v. Benjamin Bolen*, Case No. 3:20-cr-00216-BR  
Plea Agreement Letter

Dear Counsel:

1. **Parties/Scope:** This plea agreement is between this United States Attorney's Office (USAO) and defendant, and thus does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authority. This agreement does not apply to any charges other than those specifically mentioned herein.
2. **Charges:** Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Information. Count 1 alleges Assault on a Federal Office in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 111(a), a Class A Misdemeanor.
3. **Penalties:** The maximum penalty for Count 1 is not more than one (1) year imprisonment, a fine of up to \$100,000, up to a one-year term of supervised release, and a \$25 fee assessment. Defendant agrees to pay the \$25 fee assessment by the time of entry of guilty plea or explain to the court why it cannot be done.
4. **Dismissal/No Prosecution:** The USAO will move at the time of sentencing to dismiss any remaining counts against defendant. The USAO further agrees not to bring additional charges against defendant in the District of Oregon arising out of this investigation, known to the USAO at the time of this agreement.
5. **Sentencing Factors:** The parties agree that the Court must first determine the applicable advisory guideline range, then determine a reasonable sentence considering that range and the factors listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Where the parties agree that sentencing factors apply, such agreement constitutes sufficient proof to satisfy the applicable evidentiary standard.

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6. **Relevant Conduct & Factual Admissions:** Defendant admits that on July 13, 2020, in the District of Oregon, the following facts are true and accurate:
  1. He forcibly assaulted a federal employee; and
  2. He did so while the federal employee was engaged in and on account of their official duties.
  
7. **Acceptance of Responsibility:** Defendant must demonstrate to the Court that he fully admits and accepts responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 for his unlawful conduct in this case. If defendant does so, the USAO will recommend a two-level reduction in defendant's offense level. The USAO reserves the right to change these recommendations if defendant, between plea and sentencing, commits any criminal offense, obstructs or attempts to obstruct justice as explained in USSG § 3C1.1, or acts inconsistently with acceptance of responsibility as explained in USSG § 3E1.1.
  
8. **Advisory Guideline Calculation:** The government anticipates that defendant has at least 1 criminal history point, producing a criminal history category of I.<sup>1</sup> The parties stipulate and agree to the applicability of the following base offense level and adjustments on Count 1:
 

(1) U.S.S.G. § 2A2.4(a)	- Base offense level	10
(2) U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1	- Acceptance	<u>-2</u>
		= 8, CHC I, 0-6
  
9. **JOINT Sentencing Recommendation:** If defendant agrees to resolve his case and demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility, the parties jointly will recommend as a reasonable sentence under the factors listed in 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a), **a sentence of one year probation** and a \$25 fee assessment.
  
10. **Additional Departures, Adjustments, or Variances:** The USAO agrees not to seek any upward departures, adjustments, or variances to the advisory sentencing guideline range, or to seek a sentence in excess of the agreed-upon probation joint sentencing recommendation.
  
11. **Waiver of Appeal/Post-Conviction Relief:** Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to appeal from any aspect of the conviction and sentence on any grounds, except for a claim that: (1) the sentence imposed exceeds the statutory maximum, or (2) the Court arrives at an advisory sentencing guideline range by applying an upward departure under the provisions of Guidelines Chapters 4 or 5K, or (3) the Court exercises its discretion under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) to impose a sentence which exceeds the advisory guideline sentencing range as determined by the court. Should defendant seek an appeal, despite this waiver, the USAO may take any position on any issue on appeal. Defendant also waives the right to file any collateral

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<sup>1</sup> The criminal history is set forth as an estimate and the parties understand that the final criminal history calculation will be determined by the Court following the receipt of a Presentence Report and this initial estimate is not binding upon the parties.

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attack, including a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, challenging any aspect of the conviction or sentence, except on grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel, and except as provided in Fed. R. Crim. P. 33 and 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2).

In the event that any of defendant's convictions under this agreement are vacated, the government may reinstate and/or file any other charges, and may take any position at a resentencing hearing, notwithstanding any other provision in this agreement.

12. **Court Not Bound**: The Court is not bound by the recommendations of the parties or of the presentence report (PSR) writer. Because this agreement is made under Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant may not withdraw any guilty plea or rescind this plea agreement if the Court does not follow the recommendations of the parties.

13. **Full Disclosure/Reservation of Rights**: The USAO will fully inform the PSR writer and the Court of the facts and law related to defendant's case. Except as set forth in this agreement, the parties reserve all other rights to make sentencing recommendations and to respond to motions and arguments by the opposition.

14. **Breach of Plea Agreement**: If defendant breaches the terms of this agreement or commits any new criminal offenses between signing this agreement and sentencing, the USAO is relieved of its obligations under this agreement, but defendant may not withdraw any guilty plea.

If defendant believes that the government has breached the plea agreement, he must raise any such claim before the district court, either prior to or at sentencing. If defendant fails to raise a breach claim in district court, he has waived any such claim and is precluded from raising a breach claim for the first time on appeal.

15. **Memorialization of Agreement**: No promises, agreements, or conditions other than those set forth in this agreement will be effective unless memorialized in writing and signed by all parties listed below or confirmed on the record before the Court. If defendant accepts this offer, please sign and attach the original of this letter to the Petition to Enter Plea.

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16. **Deadline:** This plea offer expires if not accepted by June 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

SCOTT ERIK ASPHAUG  
Acting United States Attorney

/s/ Ashley R. Cadotte  
ASHLEY R. CADOTTE  
Assistant United States Attorney

I have carefully reviewed every part of this agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily agree to its terms. I expressly waive my rights to appeal as outlined in this agreement. I wish to plead guilty because, in fact, I am guilty.

8/25/21  
Date

Ben Bolen  
Benjamin Bolen, Defendant

I represent the defendant as legal counsel. I have carefully reviewed every part of this agreement with defendant. To my knowledge, defendant's decisions to make this agreement and to plead guilty are informed and voluntary ones.

8.25.2021  
Date

Bryan Francesconi  
Bryan Francesconi, Attorney for Defendant